[*Translation*]

Setting up of Steel Plant in Bihar

3017. SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal to set up steel plant in Bihar has been pending for clearance for along time;

(b) if so, when the proposal was received;

(c) the reasons for delay in giving clearance to it; and

(d) the time by which the project is likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) No proposal for setting up a steel plant in Bihar is at present pending with Government for approval. The new Industrial Policy announced in July 1991, has removed "Iron & Steel" from the list of industries reserved for the public sector and also exempted it from the requirements of compulsory licensing. No Government approval is, therefore, required for the setting up of steel plants in private/joint sector provided the location is not within 25 Kms of a city having a population of more than 10 lakhs as per the 1991 census.

(b) to (d). Do not arise in view of (a) above.

[*English*]

Privatisation of Non–Conventional Energy Sources

3018. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON–CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have invited private parties to tap the Non–conventional Energy Sources;

(b) if so, the response thereto; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to enhance the generation of non–conventional energy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON–CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b). There has been considerable interest in the private sector for manufacturing various types of systems and devices based on non–conventional energy sources. A number of private manufacturers have taken up manufacturing and supply of various types of systems an devices, such as solar thermal systems, improved chulhas, biomass gasifiers, steriling engines, minimicro hydel systems, solar photovoltaic systems etc. Several private industries have come forward to install wind farms. A joint sector project of 1.6 MW capacity and a private sector project of 5 MW capacity for generation fo power from wind energy are in operation in the State of Gujarat and Tamil Nadu respectively.

(c) The Government is encouraing development, production and wider use of new and renewable energy sources for various types of centralised as well as decentralised applications. Research development, demonstration and dissemination activities are undertaken Country–wise infrastructure for the manufacture, installation and maintenance of various systems and devices has been developed. For harnessing and use of renewable energy systems and devices, incentives, such as subsidy, soft term loans and fiscal incentives in the form of depreciation allowance and relief in sales tax, excise

duty and customs duty are provided to the users and manufacturers. In addition, publicity and awareness campaign are also being undertaken.

[Translation]

Setting up of ITDC Hotels

3019. SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI:
SHRI K. PRADHANI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the surplus goods and the capital goods of the India Tourism Development Corporation;

(b) whether the India Tourism Development Corporation propose to set up any new hotels during 1992–93;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the estimated amount likely to be spent on these hotels?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) the requisite information is given in the attached Statement.

(b) to (d). India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC) has taken no preparatory steps nor prepared any specific project proposal to set up new hotel during 1992–93.